

SR 912 Re-Connectivity Project

Lake County, IN

East Chicago High School

Thursday, February 10, 2011

6:00pm



Welcome

- Public Hearing will consist of a formal presentation
- Public Comment Session
- Informal Q & A in project display area with project engineers and INDOT project officials



How to submit a public comment

- Verbally to audio recorder
- Comment sheet in information packet
- Mail comments to INDOT
- E-mail
- Formal public statement
- Comment deadline – **Monday, February 28, 2011**
- Comments will be reviewed, evaluated & given full consideration during decision making process
- Information Packet



Legal Notice of Public Hearing

- Legal Notice of Public Hearing was advertised in the Northwest Indiana Times on 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9
- Legal Notice of Public Hearing was advertised in the Post Tribune on 1/27, 2/2, & 2/9
- A copy of the legal notice was mailed to known property owners within project area
- Announcement of public hearing posted to INDOT website; INDOT media release



SR 912 Re-Connectivity Project

- Conducted as a requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
 - Impacts are described in environmental document
 - Environmental document was released for public involvement by INDOT on 1/21/11



SR 912 Re-Connectivity Project

- Establish the purpose of need for the proposed improvement
- Develop a number of possible alternatives including a “Do Nothing” alternative as a baseline for comparison
- Screen alternatives to identify a preferred alternative
- Solicit public comment on environmental document and preliminary design plan
- Environment document cannot be approved until public comments have been solicited, addressed, and given full consideration during the decision making process



Environmental Document

- East Chicago Mayor's Office, 4527 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago; (219) 391-8200.
- Indiana Department of Transportation LaPorte District Office, 315 East Boyd Blvd., LaPorte; (219) 362-6125.
- INDOT website: <http://www.indot.in.gov>
“Public Involvement / Media” page.



Project Stakeholders

- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highways Administration
- Lake County
- East Chicago
- Elected Public Officials
- Community
 - Concerned residents and citizens
 - Commuters



Public Involvement

- INDOT Media release – late 2009
- Northwest Indiana legislators hold public hearing – Jan. 2010
- INDOT Public Meeting – Feb. 2010
- INDOT presents overall plan to local media and area legislators – April 2010
- INDOT Public Meeting – August 2010
- Public Hearing held on Feb. 10, 2011



INDOT Project Team

- Introduction of INDOT officials attending the public hearing
- Recognition of Elected Public Officials



SR 912 Detailed Presentation

- Purpose and Need
- Alternatives evaluated
- Alternatives screening
- Identification of preferred alternative
- Environmental impacts
- Cost & Schedule
- Construction



Project Purpose and Need

Indiana Department of Transportation

County Lake Route SR 912 (Cline Ave.) Des. No. 0501116 (et al.)

Part II - General Project Identification, Description, and Design Information

Sponsor of the Project: Indiana Department of Transportation INDOT District: La Porte
Local Name of the Facility: Dickey Road and Riley Road

Funding Source: ☒ Federal ☒ State ☐ Local ☐ Private

PURPOSE AND NEED:

Describe the problem that the project will address.

The purpose of the project is to reduce travel time and improve Level of Service (LOS) in the area. The need is to restore connectivity of the National Highway System, which will likely result in reduction of travel time and improve the LOS.

The project need is due to the closure of the SR 912 (Cline Avenue) Bridge over the Indiana Harbor Canal. This closure occurred November 13, 2009 as a result of structural deficiencies. SR 912 was closed from the Calumet interchange to the Michigan Avenue interchange. Due to the bridge closure traffic has been reverted to city streets and the I-80 toll road. Traffic volumes have increased on the city streets which were not designed to handle this amount of traffic causing traffic delays and a lower LOS.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE):

County: Lake County
Municipality: City of East Chicago

Limits of Proposed Work: From the Riley Road Interchange to the Dickey Road Interchange along Riley and Dickey Roads.
Total Work Length: 1.3 mi

Is an Interchange Modification Study / Interchange Justification Study (IMS/IJS) required?
If yes, when did the FHWA grant a conditional approval for this project?

Yes ¹	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date: _____	

¹If an IMS or IJS is required; a copy of the approved CE/EA document must be submitted to the FHWA with a request for final approval of the IMS/IJS.

In the Remarks box below, describe in detail the scope of work for the project, including the preferred alternative. Include a discussion of logical termini. Discuss any major issues for the project and how the project will improve safety or roadway deficiencies if these are issues.

This is page 4 of 42. Project name: SR 912 Re-Connectivity Project Date: Jan 19, 2011

Form version: March 2009
Attachment 2



Project Purpose and Need

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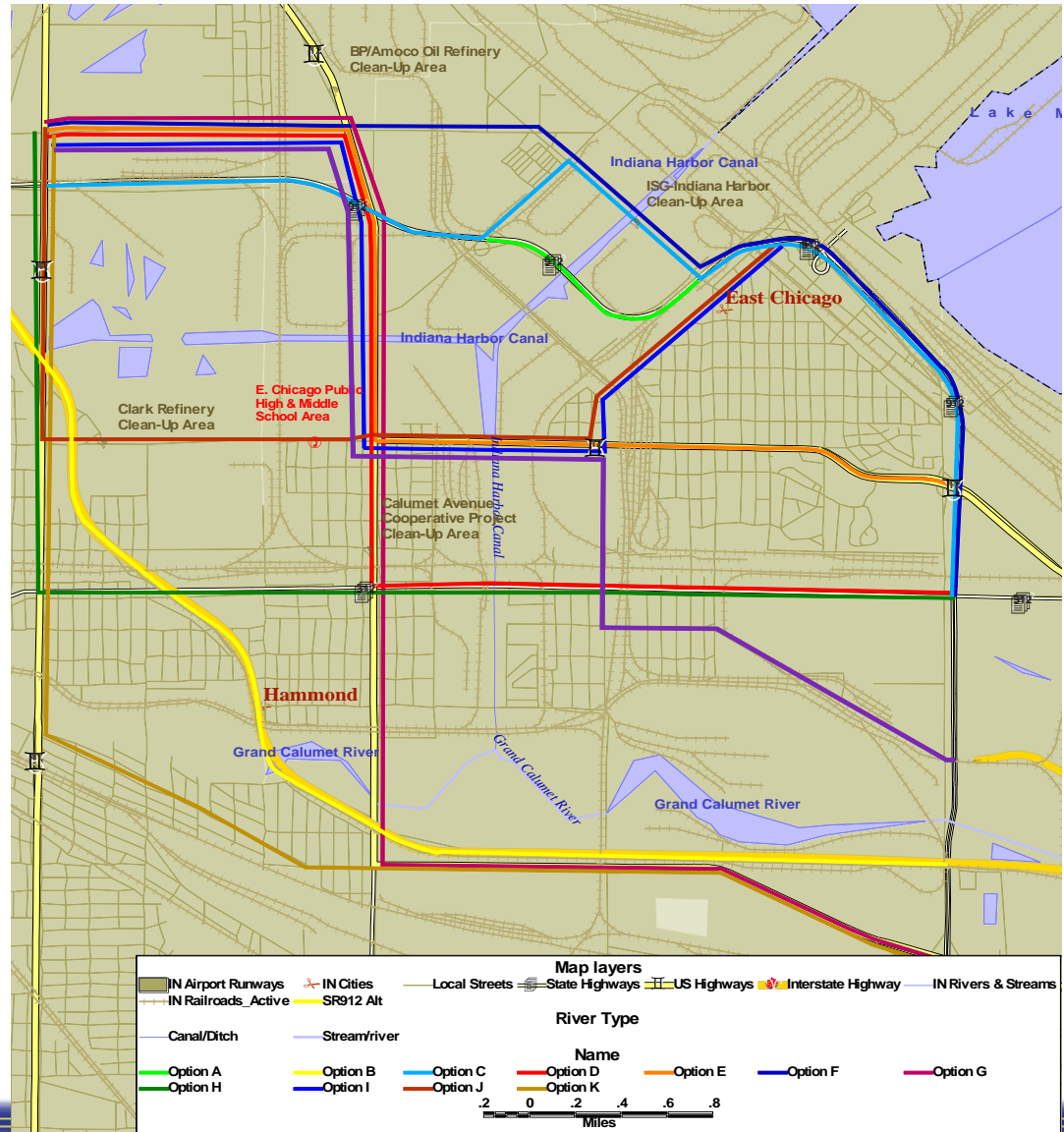
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All Alternatives:

- # Alternatives
- Approximate Costs
- Notable Issues



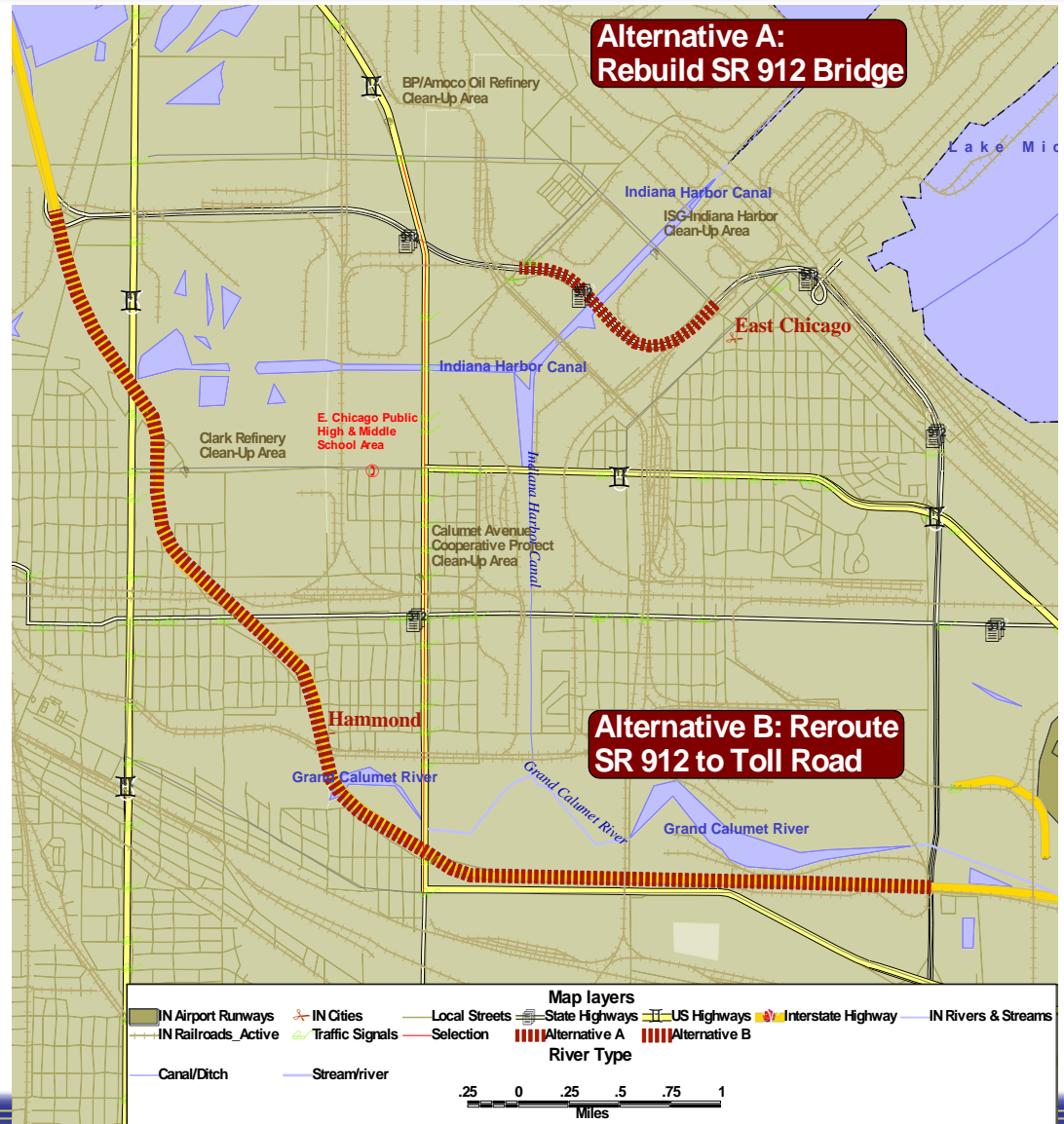
Alternative A & B

- **A: Rebuild SR 912 Bridge**

- Cost: \$150M
- Existing Routing
- No Change (No+ / No-)

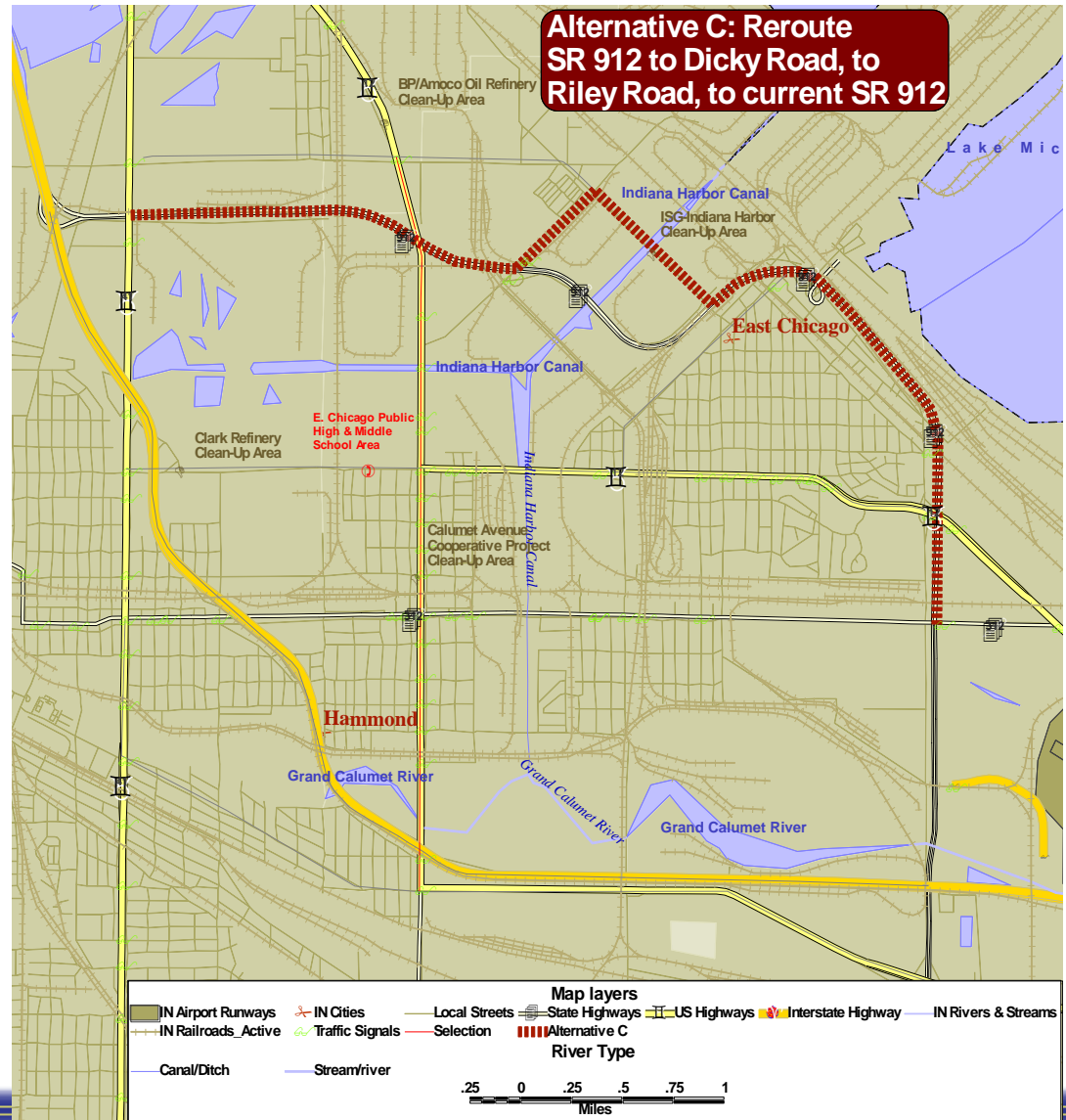
- **B: Reroute SR 912 to Toll Road (Do Nothing)**

- Costs: \$39M - Demo
- Good Thru Trips
- Poor Local Trips
- Cline / TR Interchange



Alternative C:

- Cost: \$65M
- Good Local Trips
- Acceptable Thru
- 4-lane facilities
- Drawbridge
- New Ramp Cline / Dickey Bypassing RR Tracks



Comparison Matrix

ALT	COST (Millions)	LOCAL TRAVEL	THRU TRAVEL	NOTABLE
A	\$150	Good	Great	Replace In Kind
B	\$39	Poor	Good	Bridge Demo Only
C	\$65	Good	Good	New Ramp @ Cline & Dickey Rd
D	\$50	Poor	Poor	Added Congestion, RR, Traffic Signals
E	\$50	Fair	Poor	Neighborhood Impact, Traffic Signals
F	\$60	Good	Fair	New Ramp @ Cline & Dickey Rd
G	\$60	Fair	Poor	Neighborhood Impact, RR, Traffic Signals
H	\$50	Poor	Poor	Neighborhood Impact, RR, Traffic Signals
I	\$50	Fair	Poor	Congestion, RR
J	\$60	Fair	Poor	Neighborhood / School Impact, RR
K	\$65	Poor	Poor	Significant Impact Schools, RR
L	\$55	Poor	Poor	Severe Impact-Schools / Neighborhoods, RR



Evaluation of Impacts of Proposed Action

- Ecological
 - Waterways, Wetlands, Endangered Species
- Other Resources
 - Water Systems, Flood Plains, Farmland
- Cultural
 - Archaeology, Historic Properties
- Resources
 - Parks and Recreation, Wildlife



Evaluation of Impacts of Proposed Action

- Air Quality
 - TIP needs to be amended
- Noise
 - Ambient noise
- Community Impacts
 - No significant impacts
- Hazardous Material
 - Phase I & II Studies – No remediation needed



Evaluation of Impacts of Proposed Action

- Permits
 - Seven State and Federal Permits required
- Environmental Comments
- Early Coordination



Early Coordination

Please list the date coordination was sent and all agencies that were contacted as a part of the development of this Environmental Study. Also, include the date of their response or indicate that no response was received.

Remarks:

Early coordination was initiated on June 22, 2010 with applicable federal, state, and local agencies. Review comments from those agencies that returned a reply have been incorporated into this study, as appropriate. The agencies contacted and the date on which they replied is identified below.

Name of Organization	Date Sent	Date Received	Appendix Page
INDOT – Office of Aviation	June 22, 2010	Aug. 31, 2010	C56
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
National Park Service	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) – Chesterton Field Office	June 22, 2010	July 9, 2010	C23-C26
Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)	June 22, 2010	Aug. 2, 2010	C34-C50
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)	June 22, 2010	June 25, 2010	C20-C21
Indiana Geological Survey (IGS)	June 22, 2010	July 12, 2010	C27
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Chicago District	June 30, 2010	No Response	-
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Detroit District	June 22, 2010	June 30, 2010	C29
U.S. Coast Guard – Eighth Coast Guard District	June 22, 2010	July 2, 2010	C30
U.S. Coast Guard – Ninth Coast Guard District	June 22, 2010	July 8, 2010	C28
Federal Railroad Administration	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
IDEM – Office of Water Quality, Ground Water Sect.	June 22, 2010	June 23, 2010	C22
IDEM – Electronic Early Coordination	Oct. 5, 2010	Oct. 5, 2010	C51-C55
Lake County Commissioners	June 22, 2010	June 24, 2010	C31-C33
Mayor of East Chicago	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
Mayor of Whiting	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
Federal Aviation Adm. (FAA) Great Lakes Region	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
INDOT- La Porte District	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
IDNR - Division of Outdoor Recreation	Oct. 18, 2010	Nov. 4, 2010	C60
Lake County Council	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
Lake County Surveyor	June 22, 2010	No Response	-
Lake County Engineer	June 22, 2010	No Response	-



Project Schedule

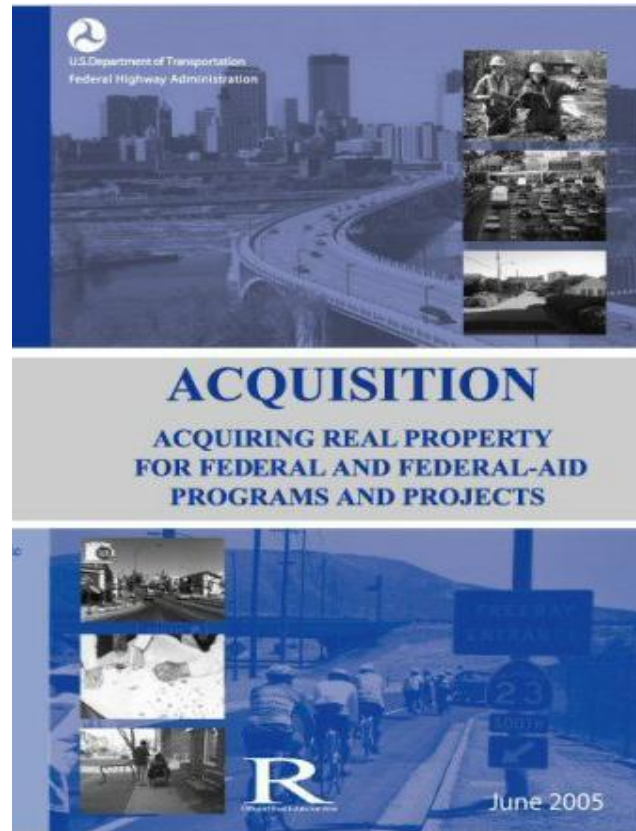
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Michigan Ramps															
Ramp B															
Ramp D / Seg 6															
Recon Ramp D															
Dickey / Riley															
Ramp C / Seg 5															
Remaining Demo															



Ariel View



Real Estate Acquisition Process



Real Estate Acquisition Process

- “Uniform Act” of 1970
 - All federal, state, and local governments must comply
 - Requires just compensation
- Acquisition Process
 - Appraisals
 - Review Appraisals
 - Negotiations



Public Comments

- Indiana Department of Transportation, Office of Public Involvement, Room N642, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204; (317) 232-6601.
- E-mail: rclark@indot.in.gov
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